

Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak



Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to lead the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance in January 2011. She brings to the department more than 12 years of legal and administrative experience in state government.

Before being named to lead the department, she practiced as Counsel to the Insurance practice group of law firm Burr & Forman LLP. She also served as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI). Before her appointment as Executive Director, McPeak spent nine years as an attorney for KOI, the final five as general counsel. She also served as general counsel to the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet.

McPeak served as co-counsel for the *Kentucky Association of Health Plans v. Miller*, a case heard before the Supreme Court of the United States, regarding ERISA preemption and state "Any Willing Provider" statutes. McPeak is a frequent author and lecturer on insurance issues, having addressed members of the American Council of Life Insurers, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, the National Alliance of Life Companies and the Million Dollar Roundtable. Her recent presentations include the Self-Insurance Institute of America and the South Carolina Captive Insurance Association. Recent articles include, "The Saga Continues: More Uncertainty for Fixed Indexed Annuity Insurers;" "The SEC's Adventures in Wonderland: The Indexed Annuities Regulatory Debate;" and "The Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 151A: Laudable Goals, but Suspect Rationale." McPeak also co-authored the article, "The Future of State Insurance Regulation: Can it Survive?" featured in *Risk and Management Insurance Review*.

McPeak is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Nashville Bar Association, and Franklin County Bar Association. She is an active member of the American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice section, where she serves as Vice-Chair of the Insurance Regulation Committee and a member of the Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulatory Modernization Task Force. She was also a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, including participating on the Executive Committee, serving as the Southeastern Zone Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Life Insurance and Annuities Committee. McPeak has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Insurance Producer Registry.

McPeak received her J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1994. She is a 1990 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she received her B.B.A., With Distinction, in Marketing.